

EASTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Board of Regents Meeting September 19, 2006

The preliminary minutes of the September 19, 2006, Board of Regents Meeting.

The Regular Meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Valvo at 4:15 p.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

The Board Members present were:

Chair Karen Valvo
Vice Chair Thomas Sidlik
Regent Joseph Antonini
Regent Jan Brandon
Regent Floyd Clack
Regent Sharon Rothwell
Regent Roy Wilbanks

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The Board Member absent was:
Regent Philip Incarnati

Members of the Administration Present were:

President John A. Fallon, III
Provost Donald Loppnow
Vice President Jim Vick
Vice President Darryl Szczepanski
Interim Vice President Bernice Lindke
Interim Director of Finance Steve Holda
Interim Chief Information Officer Connie Schaeffer

COMMUNICATIONS

Secretary Kurtz announced there were ten requests to address the Board, and, abiding by the Board guidelines, 3 minutes would be allowed for each speaker.

Mary Jo Desperéz regarding gender inclusive language.

Dennis Patrick regarding adding gender identity and expression to EMU's non-discrimination policy,

RESOLUTION – RECOGNIZING CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTHS

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Clack seconded to support the Resolution Recognizing Cultural Heritage Months.

Recognizing Cultural Heritage Months At Eastern Michigan University

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University recognizes that respect for cultural differences is important, and seeks to demonstrate an appreciation of human diversity by providing an atmosphere of mutual respect through its programs and activities; and

WHEREAS, Eastern Michigan University continues to be cited for its commitment to campus diversity in the annual “America’s Best Colleges” published by U.S. News and World Report as a place where students can learn from others whose backgrounds are different from their own and was recently given the designation of “Best Midwestern College” by The Princeton Review for the fourth straight year; and

WHEREAS, African American, Asian/Pacific Islander American, Latino American and Native American people have all distinguished themselves, have made significant contributions to the history of the state of Michigan and to the United States, and continue to enrich our nation intellectually, socially and culturally; and

WHEREAS, Congress has established September 15 through October 15 as National Hispanic Heritage Month in recognition of the contributions and achievements of Hispanic people, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate the month with educationally purposeful diversity campus programs, and

WHEREAS, the month of November has historically been designated as National Native American History Month, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate the month with educationally purposeful diversity campus programs, and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated the month of February as Black History Month, and African Americans and other members of the Eastern Michigan University community will host a variety of activities and programs, to commence on January 15, 2007 with the President’s Luncheon in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has designated the month of May as Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage Month, and Eastern Michigan University will celebrate with educationally purposeful diversity campus programs during the months of April and May,

Whereas, overall national preparedness and response readiness will be enhanced by the National Incident Management System since all of the Nation's emergency teams and authorities will begin to use a common language and set of procedures, and

Whereas, although local adoption of NIMS is optional, the federal government will require any jurisdiction that wishes to receive future federal grant funds, equipment, training, or grant-funded services to adopt the NIMS by resolution and provide basic NIMS training, available on-line for key personnel by October 1, 2006, and

Whereas, NIMS includes the nationally accepted Incident Command System ("ICS") which will not change existing local emergency response protocols, and

Whereas, The Washtenaw County Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security supports local NIMS adoption, and the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners has adopted NIMS by resolution

Now Therefore be it Resolved that the Board of Regents hereby adopts the National Incident Management System as Eastern Michigan University's overarching disaster response system, and

Be it Further Resolved, that the Board of Regents request the following personnel complete the required NIMS and ICS on-line training courses by October 1, 2006:

- Associate Vice President, Business & Finance-Facilities
- Director, Campus Police
- Director, Custodial, Motor Pool & Grounds Services
- Director, Health and Safety
- Director, Facility Maintenance
- Electrical Foreman
- Facilities Zone Managers
- Grounds Foreperson
- Grounds & Motor Pool Foreperson
- Group Leader Skilled Trades II
- Healthy and Safety Specialist
- Heating Plant Foreman
- HVAC Foreman
- Lieutenant, Public Safety
- Officer, Campus Police
- Plumbing Foreman
- Principal Plant Engineer, Mechanical
- Principal Plant Engineer, Electrical Systems
- Principal Plant Engineer, Life Safety
- Sergeant, Campus Police

Motion Carried.

There is considerable information in my report about the recent achievements of the university and her people. This is included in the written report in your books and will be available on-line later today. Most notable among these achievements is a recently completed vision statement that is intended to guide our efforts over the next five years. This statement deserves and requires more dialogue in the weeks ahead as it emerges as our foundation for action. Also included is mention of the accomplishments of our faculty, staff, students and alumni. It seems clear that we approach our future from a position of strength . . . the strength that becomes manifest in the form of remarkably able people doing important work. These can come to be regarded as this university's best years if, and only if, our institutional potential is combined with equal measures of focused determination and widespread collaboration. And all of this must be grounded in a commitment to the purposes of higher education generally, and Eastern Michigan University specifically. It is toward these propositions that I dedicate the full force of my work.

Many important activities and initiatives are taking place at EMU:

- Eastern Michigan University has once again been recognized as a **"Best Midwestern College" for 2007 by The Princeton Review**. It marks the fourth consecutive year that EMU has received the honor, which is part of the book "The Best 361 Colleges." EMU was one of 163 institutions to earn the Best Midwestern College designation.

"The greatest strength of EMU is its broad diversity!" said one undergraduate student in the survey leading to this designation. "Eastern is a melting pot in a way, so there really isn't an atypical student," said another.

- EMU has been selected by the U.S. Department of Education to receive a **GEAR-UP grant worth \$572,000 per year for six years**. The grant provides for a partnership with Ypsilanti, Willow Run and Wayne-Westland schools to:
 - increase education aspirations of low-income seventh-grade students and their parents;
 - increase the number of low-income students who are prepared to enter and succeed in postsecondary education;
 - increase the number of low-income students who apply to and enroll in postsecondary education.

The project supports a cohort of students beginning in the seventh grade and works with them through graduation. It includes a partnership with 15 local businesses and organizations, and participation and support from all colleges on our campus. The proposal development group included Russ Olwell (history and philosophy), David Clifford, Marcia Bombyk, Peggy Wienczek, John Benci (ISCFC), and Paula Dykstra (enrollment services). Olwell will serve as project director, and Clifford and the ISCFC staff will provide administrative support and project evaluation.

- About 17 EMU students volunteered to read to children at local coffee shops as part of the national **Jumpstart Read for the Record** program. Students went to local Starbucks Coffee shops and read "The Little Engine That Could" to elementary school children. Other partners were: 826 Michigan, Pinckney Community Library and Dorothy's Discovery Center. The national campaign was designed to engage adults and children across America in setting the world record for the largest shared reading experience ever.
- **Janae' Reneaud**, a graduate student in public administration at Eastern Michigan University (EMU), has been awarded a one-year fellowship to work on projects common to MAC's Greater Detroit American Heritage River Initiative and the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge.

Janae's fellowship responsibilities will include working with partners to develop a bird driving tour for the refuge, coordinating volunteers to build a wildlife observation deck at the refuge's Humbug Marsh, and helping further a regional ecotourism or nature tourism strategy.

- **Jennifer Onslow**, the EMU VISION student coordinator, was selected to represent the state of Michigan at the national Campus Compact 20th Anniversary Summit in October in Chicago. Onslow is a senior from Warren.

In the area of recent faculty and staff accomplishments:

- **Allen Kurta**, biology, has received a grant to study the rare evening bat (I'll give this a try: *Nycticeius humeralis*) in Lenawee County along the River Raisin, near the small town of Palmyra. The project is supported by a grant of \$113,000 from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. Kurta says that the evening bat is a medium-sized bat with a range that once extended from the Gulf Coast north to the southern Great Lakes. It's been uncommon to rare in the northern part of its range and, in Michigan, only three records of it existed before 2004.
- **Kathy Conley**, health promotion and human performance (HPHP), was recently elected to a three-year term as coordinator of the Coalition of National Health Education Organizations. This coalition's mission is to mobilize the resources of the health education profession in order to expand and improve health education, regardless of the setting. CNHEO facilitates coordination and conversation among its member organizations and provides a forum for the identification and discussion of health education issues.
- **Sheldon Levine**, HPHP, was recently selected to go to Taiwan in August, representing the American College of Sports Medicine for a certification workshop and exam. He will provide lectures, administer the exam and train Taiwanese members of ACSM about how to run this workshop and exam in the future.

- EMU senior place kicker **Andrew Wellock** has been named to the Watch List for the 15th annual Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award, presented by the FedEx Orange Bowl. The top three finalists are honored during the Lou Groza Collegiate Place-Kicker Award Banquet and Silent Auction on Tuesday, December 5, at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott. The winner is announced on Thursday, December 7 during the ESPN Home Depot College Football Award Show in Orlando, Fla.

As the fall semester gets into full swing, there are some major events on and around campus I want to make you aware of:

- Tomorrow, weather permitting; we welcome EMU's students to our annual all-campus picnic on the Mark Jefferson mall. Free hot dogs, chips, pop and ice cream will be available to all comers in this informal celebration of the semester's opening.
- This Saturday, September 23, EMU hosts Central Michigan in our first home football game of the season. Kickoff is at 3:30 p.m.
- Monday, September 25, a number of us will attend the annual State of the Public Universities Address at Cobo Hall in Detroit. Hosted by the Detroit Economic Club and the Presidents Council, State Universities of Michigan, this event provides a look at the mission and focus of Michigan's 15 public higher education institutions in collectively serving more than 280,000 students.
- Next Friday, September 29, I will join others in hosting the annual University Convocation and Institutional Values awards at Quirk Theatre. This event recognizes outstanding achievement among EMU's staff and faculty in six separate categories ranging from Continuous improvement and innovation to enhancing the quality of student learning experiences. The awards include stipends funded by the EMU Foundation.
- October 7 is our annual Recognition of Excellence and Family Day event. The Recognition of Excellence honors the local teachers who have inspired many of EMU's top scholars. Family Day annually hosts several thousand local families and children in a day of activities that prove learning can be fun.
- Saturday, October 14, EMU hosts a national health care policy forum at the Convocation center featuring Governor Granholm, gubernatorial candidate Dick DeVos, Alabama Governor Mike Huckabee and other notable speakers, and including a roundtable of health care policy experts. The event is a collaboration between the National Health Policy Council, the AARP, and the National Coalition on Health Care to create a forum for discussion on the future of health care. There are only six such events nationwide, and only one in Michigan. Tickets to the event will be free. Visit EMU's web site later this week for details on attending the event.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS PROGRESS

Section 4

The Construction Projects Progress Report for the period ending July 31, 2006 be received and placed on file

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Section 5

That the Student Accounts Receivable Ration Analysis, the Student Accounts Receivable Reports, and the Collection Agency Inventory as of June 30, 2006 be received and placed on file.

INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

Section 6

That the Report on the progress of ICT Initiatives and the financial status report be accepted and placed on file.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

Section 7 Removed from consideration – NOT INCLUDED IN MOTION

STAFF SEPARATIONS/RETIREMENTS

Section 8

Approve 38 separations and retirements for the reporting period June 1, 2006 through August 31, 2006.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Section 16

Regent Clack moved and Regent Antonini seconded that the Student Affairs Committee Agenda for September 19, 2006 and the Minutes of June 20, 2006 be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE

Section 17

Regent Rothwell moved and Regent Sidlik seconded that the Educational Policies Agenda for September 19, 2006 and the minutes of the June 20, 2006 meeting be received and placed on file.

Motion Carried

ANALYSIS OF INSTRUCTIONAL MEASURES, FY 1996-2006

Section 18

Regent Rothwell moved and Regent Antonini seconded that the board of regents receive and place on file the report entitled Analysis of Instructional Measures, FY 1996-2006,

Motion Carried

FACULTY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Section 19

Regent Rothwell moved and Regent Wilbanks seconded that the Faculty Affairs Agenda for September 19, 2006 and the Minutes of the March 21, 2006 meeting be received and put on file.

Motion Carried

**REPORT: 2006 GENERAL FUND BUDGET MANAGEMENT
REPORT**

Section 24

Regent Sidlik moved and Regent Rothwell seconded that the 2006 General Fund Budget Management Report be accepted and placed on file, and that funding authorization in the amount of \$4,959,040 be approved for outstanding obligations, commitments, encumbrances and provisions.

Motion Carried

REPORT: 2006 GENERAL FEES

Section 25

Regent Antonini moved and Regent Wilbanks seconded that the 2006 General Fee Report be accepted and placed on file.

Motion Carried

2006 AUXILLIARY FUND BUDGET MANAGEMENT REPORT

Section 26

Regent Wilbanks moved and Regent Sidlik seconded that the 2006 Auxiliary Fund Management Report be accepted and placed on file.

Motion Carried

MEETING ADJOURNED

Regent Wilbanks moved and Regent Antonini seconded that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Regents be adjourned at 5:30 p.m.. The next regular meeting of the Board of Regents will be November 14, 2006 in Room 201, Welch Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jacqueline K. Kurtz
Secretary to the Board of Regents

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Board of Regents Special Meeting October 20, 2006

The preliminary minutes of the October 20, 2006, Board of Regents Special Meeting.

The Special Meeting of the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents was called to order by Chair Valvo at 8:00 a.m. in Room 201, Welch Hall, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Chair Valvo asked Secretary Kurtz for an attendance call.

The Board Members present were:

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- Vice Chair Thomas Sidlik
- Regent Philip Incarnati
- Regent Jan Brandon
- Regent Sharon Rothwell
- Regent Roy Wilbanks

The Board Members absent were:

- Regent Joseph Antonini
- Regent Floyd Clack

Members of the Administration Present were:

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- Interim Director of Finance Steve Holda
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The Member of the Administration Absent was:

- Interim Vice President Bernice Lindke

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